

into stride changes in agriculture technology and continue to evolve with the modern world. Joe and his family contribute to their surrounding community through the Boy Scouts, Vardaman FFA, Calhoun County 4-H and the state Farm Bureau.

Family is at the core of Mr. Edmonson's farming career. Joe, Melissa, Brandi, Trent and Cody have been a pillar of the Vardaman community and have made incredible contributions to Calhoun County. I am grateful for their lifetime of service and commend him for his outstanding work in agriculture.

RECOGNIZING COMPASSUS
HOSPICE IN SPRINGFIELD, MO

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Compassus Hospice in Springfield, MO for their innovative work in providing hospice care.

Founded in 1979, Compassus Hospice in Springfield is the oldest facility in the Compassus system and has provided critical care for Southwest Missourians. Hospice providers deliver end-of-life services for seriously ill patients, including bereavement support for their families and community. Compassus Hospice has always been at the forefront of hospice care, leading the industry in innovation for end-of-life care.

Compassus Hospice has also worked to improve care by working with lawmakers to advance coordinated care with community partners. Their dedication to providing this critical care is truly commendable. November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, and Compassus in Springfield will celebrate its more than 40 years of patient care on November 18.

Madam Speaker, for 42 years, Compassus Hospice in Springfield has been at the leading edge of providing end-of-life healthcare along with bereavement service for families. I congratulate them on 42 years of service and wish them all the best in the many years to come.

CONGRATULATING **JEFFREY
VENHUIZEN** FOR HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE ROCK ISLAND
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Jeffrey R. VenHuizen, who is retiring from the Rock Island Police Department after nearly 29 years of service. His last day with the Department will be October 31, 2021.

Chief VenHuizen first joined the Rock Island Police Department on February 1, 1993, after earning a degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. From K-9 Officer to Patrol Lieutenant, Chief VenHuizen has held every position imaginable at the Department. His peers rewarded him for

his hard work and steadfast dedication to protecting our community when he was named Chief of Police on December 10, 2012. Under his tutelage, the Department made outstanding strides forward. He helped enact the first body camera system in an agency of its kind in the Quad Cities region, implement community-oriented policing strategies, and reduce crime to unprecedented levels. Chief VenHuizen, along with his selflessness and dedication to the city of Rock Island, will be dearly missed.

It is because of courageous and venerable leaders such as Chief VenHuizen that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally recognize Chief Jeffrey R. VenHuizen on his retirement and thank him for his almost 29 years of service to our community.

HONORING BENJAMIN BYNUM, SR.

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a renown and trailblazing entrepreneur from Philadelphia, Benjamin Bynum, Sr., a savvy businessman, and former United States Marine who died on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the age of 93.

Benjamin Louis Bynum, Sr. was born in Lexington, South Carolina on April 6, 1923. He was one of five brothers and five sisters. During World War II, he was a member of the Montford Point Marines, making him among the first African Americans to join the U.S. Marines Corps.

Mr. Bynum was also a long-time businessman that operated some of the most popular; restaurants, jazz, and blues venues in the city of Philadelphia. Venues including—the Cadillac Club, which became known for booking well-known entertainers such as Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, Kenny Gamble, Count Basie, George Benson, Fats Domino, Woody Herman, Bill Paul, and the Stylistics. As a matter of fact, Bill Paul's first album was called "Feeling Good at the Cadillac Club," paying homage to the venue.

His venues were known for providing an upscale environment and terrific cuisine.

A cultural hub that was often frequented by black professionals and famous people. Which gave it a national reputation and following. Former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who worked as a disc jockey under the name "Mixmaster Mike", at a Bynum establishment, credits Mr. Bynum in influencing him into getting in politics. Nutter said he got lessons in diplomacy, hospitality, and government while working there. He proclaimed, "I would never have been in public service if not for Ben Bynum."

Additionally, Mr. Bynum raised his sons to be business savvy and great restaurateurs. They are successful entrepreneurs in their own right. He was super proud of his children and their careers, declaring "This is the seed that I planted." Mr. Bynum was a hard worker that often stressed that he would never retire. He worked well into his 90's. He could often be detected working the door at his sons' restaurants.

As evidenced by his extraordinary life and career, Benjamin Bynum, Sr. served his nation in the military and was a trailblazing entrepreneur. He was a model citizen and proud Philadelphian. The 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Mr. Bynum for his dedicated support and service to the people and the city of Philadelphia. I offer sincere condolences to his family; to his brother, Jimmy, his sons Robert and Benjamin Jr., his daughters Antoinette, Benita, and Denee, nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, his partner, Thelma and friends on his passing.

RECOGNIZING JOES, CO, VOLUN-
TEER FIREFIGHTER LARRY
WYANT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joes, Colorado, volunteer firefighter Larry Wyant. On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, Mr. Wyant was headed to the funeral of another area firefighter, Mr. Darcy Stallings, when a fire began in a cornfield in southern Yuma County. Mr. Wyant was responding to the call when high winds changed the direction of the grasslands fire, claiming his life.

The small town of Joes is a close-knit community, and Mr. Wyant an integral part of it. Every volunteer stopped what they were doing to help contain the grasslands fire that day, according to Joes Fire Department. Mr. Wyant's commitment to his friends and community will be remembered. His bravery and heroic actions serve as a reminder of the great sacrifice our first responders make.

Madam Speaker, I am humbled and honored to recognize Mr. Wyant's service and sacrifice. I want to extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Wyant's family, friends, fellow firefighters, and community.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF NANCY
MITCHELL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of my dear friend, Nancy Mitchell of Corbin, Kentucky, who earned her heavenly reward on October 24, 2021 after an extended battle with cancer.

Nancy and I first became acquainted when her husband, Bob Mitchell, helped lead my first congressional campaign in 1980. I asked Bob to serve as my District Director in 1981, and for 40 years, even after Bob retired, Nancy was a tried-and-true member of Team Rogers, quickly earning the friendship of countless folks across southern and eastern Kentucky with her welcoming smile and delightful personality. When it was time to hit the road for Town Hall meetings across my expansive rural, mountainous district, Nancy put her life and her business on hold to join us for many long days and nights traveling from county to county, learning how we could help

improve Kentucky's Appalachian region. It was truly a family affair.

After Bob and Nancy's daughters, Stephanie and Jenny, were born she focused her time on raising two incredible girls. Bob and I spent many days, covering a lot of miles across Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District every week, and Nancy never failed to provide unwavering support and encouragement along the way.

Nancy was the epitome of a leading lady with tremendous class. She built Mitchell Tax and Accounting from the ground up, starting with an office in their home so she could work while raising their two girls. She grew her business from a small tax service into one of the leading accounting firms in southern Kentucky, and she did so by treating her clients like true friends and beloved neighbors. In addition to running her own business, Nancy went on to be the first woman ever elected to the Corbin City Commission, simultaneously serving two terms as Vice Mayor of Corbin. She generously shared her expertise and savvy business style as a Trustee for Union College, a member of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, and the KCEOC Community Action Partnership's Board of Directors. Nancy was also a dedicated Sunday School teacher, and she had a God-given gift of making every child feel special. In every aspect of her life, she was gracious with her time, humble in her conversations, and full of joy.

While expanding her business, Nancy never lost her passion for politics and public service. She served as Vice President of the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women, Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Knox County, and Treasurer of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District Lincoln Club. In 2012, Bob and Nancy were jointly inducted into the Fifth Congressional District Lincoln Club Hall of Fame.

Above every achievement and success of her own, there was nothing that she took more pride in than her family, and especially her grandchildren: Tori, Taelor, Trenton and Ethan—who are all brilliant. Nancy beamed with pride when she shared stories about their latest accolades, and she was truly their biggest fan.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to my closest friend, Bob and the entire Mitchell family. Everyone who knew and loved Nancy now has a special treasure waiting for them in heaven. She was bold in her faith in God and that gives us peace to carry on.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LINDA ANDREWS

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to honor the career of Linda Andrews, a Minnesota broadcasting legend who is retiring after 35 years in the radio industry.

Linda began her radio career as a part-time announcer on KWNG in Red Wing and will be concluding it in Brainerd as an experienced broadcaster admired by her colleagues and countless listeners across the region.

Linda moved to Brainerd, Minnesota in 1995, where she was a News Director and an-

nouncer for KLIZ-FM The Power Loon, KKLK-FM and more. In 2000, she became the midday announcer on WJYY-FM in Brainerd. During her tenure at the beloved station, they were awarded multiple Crystal Awards and one Service to America Award.

Over the past 26 years that Linda has spent broadcasting in Brainerd, she captivated the local audience and quickly became a fan-favorite in the community. She will be dearly missed by all of her listeners.

Linda's contributions to Brainerd, Minnesota and beyond will never be forgotten. I along with the rest of Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District wish her nothing but the best in her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN LORI TURPIN

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a dedicated public servant and distinguished member of our community, Captain Lori Turpin.

In 1971, Lori was sworn into the Navy Nurse Corps Scholarship program. For the following 30 years, she traveled the world providing medical care for members of our military.

Throughout her time in the Navy, she cared for service men and women throughout the United States and across the world in countries like Italy and Japan.

Following her retirement from the United States Navy in 2001, Captain Turpin's commitment and sense of duty was repurposed, as she continued to compassionately serve her community and American veterans.

Since 2007, Lori served as a Hendricks County Veterans Service Officer where she has truly embraced the mission to help veterans achieve a better life and support their community.

Lori's service led her to receive numerous awards and recognitions including numerous commendation medals from the United States Navy and the Sagamore of the Wabash, one of Indiana's highest honors.

I want to congratulate Captain Turpin on a great career of dedicated service to the United States and wish her the very best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Republican En Bloc Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2119 due to Chairing a Defense Appropriations Subcommittee hearing.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the Foy, Letlow Amendment that would have placed unnecessary and dangerous restrictions on women's reproductive rights.

Although I opposed this amendment, I voted in favor of the underlying bill, the Family Vio-

lence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021 (H.R. 2119).

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENIOR INSPECTOR JARED KEYWORTH, USMS

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and a dedicated husband and father. Jared Keyworth, from Mandeville, LA, served as a Senior Inspector with the United States Marshals Service and tragically lost his life in the line of duty earlier this month.

Senior Inspector Keyworth began his service with the Marshals in July of 2010. Upon graduation from the United States Marshals Academy, Senior Inspector Keyworth was first assigned to the District of Colorado-Denver and later served in the District of Southern Florida-Miami and District of Eastern Louisiana-New Orleans. In 2018, he was selected to serve the USMS Investigative Operations Division, Technical Operations Group in Baton Rouge, LA.

Prior to Senior Inspector Keyworth's service with the United States Marshals Service, he served his nation in the United States Army "Old Guard", the Caisson Platoon, HHC 1st Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment. While in the Army, Jared Keyworth escorted the riderless horse, the symbol of a fallen leader who will never ride again, during President Ronald Reagan's funeral.

On September 28, 2021, Senior Inspector Keyworth was critically wounded while in pursuit of a violent felony offender in the state of Mississippi. He passed away on October 1, 2021.

Jared will forever be in our hearts and minds, and Jennifer and I will keep his family in our prayers. We are eternally grateful for his service to our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WALTER GANN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Corporal Walter Gann, an American hero from Mississippi, who defended liberty against impossible odds in the Pacific during World War II.

Walter, born in Calhoun City on January 31, 1922, joined the U.S. Army on July 3, 1941. By July 15, he was aboard the USS *Coolidge* deployed to the Philippines as a member of the Army Signal Corps assigned to 409th Signal Company (Aviation) at Nichols Field outside Manila. The plan was to erect radar towers, but none of the equipment needed arrived on the ship with them.

Imperial Japan attacked the Philippines on December 8 and all the critical airfields were destroyed by December 10. Walter's company and the airmen were soon sent on combat